

served the entire state of New York, readily volunteering their assistance on September 11, 2001.

In my district, we are proud of these firefighters and respect the sacrifices that they make to ensure our community is safe. On behalf on New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the Salem Volunteer Fire Department as they open their new firehouse. We are grateful for their service, and hope that this new station will serve as a suitable home for many years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. SID LAPIDUS

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Sid Lapidus, who is receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of New York.

Mr. Lapidus retired in 2007 after a long, distinguished career as a partner of Warburg Pincus LLC, a private equity firm in New York City. He previously worked at the Securities and Exchange Commission and today sits on the board of two publicly traded companies, Lennar Corporation and Knoll, Inc.

Outside of work, Sid has dedicated his time to charitable organizations. He has held numerous roles within UJA Federation, including serving as a board member, chair of the Network, Commission, and member of the Finance and Executive Committees. In addition, Mr. Lapidus is passionate about cultural artifacts and heritage, serving as a trustee and chair of both the Finance Committee of the Center for Jewish History and the Library Committee of the New York Historical Society.

Mr. Speaker, Sid Lapidus has had an exceptional career and has dedicated himself to improving the lives of others. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending him for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from UJA Federation of New York.

#### HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HONORS PREP PROGRAM AT HARRISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my sincere congratulations to Harrisburg High School on the 25th Anniversary of its School of Business and Industry (SBI) Honors Prep Program.

In 1991, the Harrisburg School District entered into a partnership with Florida A&M University to incorporate a School of Business & Industry Prep School Program into the Harrisburg High Campus curriculum. The goal of the SBI Program is to orient potentially high achieving scholars to the world of business and industry and enhance their critical thinking, listening and communication skills.

SBI is a three-year accelerated honors program and has proven to build leadership skills and self-esteem, strengthen scholars' preparation for college and the career world, and empower them to become entrepreneurs.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I thank and congratulate all involved—past and present—with the SBI Honors Prep Program at Harrisburg High School on their 25th Anniversary and wish them continued great success in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. MICKEY GORAL FOR HIS DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mickey Goral, who is retiring as the Rockford Township Supervisor. Mr. Goral has honorably worked through various levels of government and public service for more than 40 years, and he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Goral served our region as a member of the Winnebago County Board for 18 years. Since then, he has held the position of Rockford Township Supervisor for the past two decades in which he has provided temporary assistance to some of our community's most vulnerable populations. Through his tenure as Township Supervisor, he has strived to mentor and provide individuals with the tools and resources they need to succeed. Under the direction of Mr. Goral, Rockford Township's general assistance office has not only enriched the lives of those in our community, but has allowed Rockford Township to serve as a role model for those across our state and the country that are looking to better their assistance services.

Mr. Goral's great accomplishments have been recognized far beyond our community, leading him to being elected to the position of First Vice President for the Township Officials of Illinois by representatives from over 14,000 Townships.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Goral for his commitment to public service and for all of the work he has done to better our community. I congratulate him again on his well-earned retirement and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### TWO HARRISBURG HEROES

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge City of Harrisburg, Illinois, Water and Sewer Superintendent Kelly Hefner and Harrisburg Fire Chief John Gunning for their fast thinking and their quick response during our most recent flooding in the 15th District of Illinois. At the beginning of May, both the superintendent and the fire chief rescued drivers

whose vehicles had ended up submerged in water.

Kelly Hefner dove into the floodwaters near the intersection of East Sloan Street and Commercial Street in Harrisburg on May 1st. Hefner moved quickly to rescue a man who had driven his SUV into a flooded ditch. It was the second rescue in that particular area of town. Just the day before, Fire Chief Gunning had to rescue the driver of a vehicle who had driven into a flooded ditch.

Both heroes selflessly acted fast to assist the drivers, who could not undo their seat belts as cold water flooded into their sinking vehicles. I offer my deepest admiration and gratitude to these two heroic gentlemen for working hard to keep Harrisburg's citizens safe, and for inspiring us all to think about others.

I thank Superintendent Hefner and Chief Gunning for their service.

#### HONORING BASCOM SORRELL

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Mr. Bascom Sorrell, of Nicholas County, Kentucky. Bascom has been a prominent member of his community for many years.

Bascom Sorrell is a lifelong resident of Nicholas County and a graduate of Nicholas County High School. Jockey International employed him from 1966 to 2005, where he served as Plant Manager from 1984 until 2005. Bascom served in the Kentucky National Guard from 1960 to 1966 and reached the rank of Sergeant. He coached Babe Ruth baseball for many years and was chairman and coach of JC's Little League basketball from 1966 to 1975. Bascom was a member of Daugherty Lodge 65 of F & AM for 45 years and Master in 1975. Bascom has served on the Advisory Board for Hospice of the Blue Grass and continues to serve on the Advisory Board for the Community Action Council. A loyal member of the Carlisle Rotary Club, Bascom is a past president and recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship award.

Bascom recently retired as Chair of the Nicholas County Economic Development Authority, having served on the board from 2006 to 2008 and again from 2011 to 2017. His leadership with this group was critical in improving economic opportunities in Nicholas County.

There is no question that Carlisle and Nicholas Counties are much better places due to Bascom's dedication to the community and its citizens. His devotion and long-term service to Carlisle and Nicholas Counties are widely recognized and greatly appreciated. Bascom is a true leader in his community and a role model for future leaders. His fellow citizens are honoring him for his leadership and devotion.

Bascom Sorrell is a fine man who has earned the respect of his community. He is a true servant leader. It is my honor to call him my friend and to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

# ACHIEVEMENTS OF U.S. MARINE CORPS IN WORLD WAR I

## HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the U.S. Marine Corps' achievements in World War I. At the entry of the United States into World War I, the Marine Corps was relatively small and relegated to ship-borne duty and small expeditionary outposts in far flung locations, such as China and the Caribbean, numbering less than 14,000 officers and men. By the end of the war, the Corps had swelled to more than 75,000; of which 30,000 were ground combat forces in France, and another 1,600 served with the U.S. Navy in Europe on board ships, on shore, and with the Navy's aviation force, the Northern Bombing Group.

The 5th and 6th Regiments as well as the 6th Machine Gun Battalion formed the 4th Brigade under the U.S. Army's 2d Division in late 1917. Their baptism by fire came at Belleau Wood in June 1918 when the 2d Division halted the German advance toward Paris through three weeks of bloody fighting. The Marines continued to prove their mettle throughout the summer and fall of 1918 at Soissons, St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont, and Meuse-Argonne. At the end of the war, the 4th Brigade remained as part of the 3d Army, occupying Germany along the Rhine River.

While the 4th Brigade battled the Germans, the 5th Brigade arrived in France and served as part of the Army's Service of Supply to the entire American Expeditionary Forces, as well as provided a pool of replacements to the 4th Brigade. The First Marine Aviation Force (FMAF), as part of the Northern Bombing Group, arrived in late summer 1918 and operated over the English Channel and Belgian coast from Calais, France, conducting antisubmarine patrols, bombing German submarine pens, and even providing close air support and food drops to Entente troops in Belgium. On a smaller scale, the First Marine Aeronautic Company conducted antisubmarine patrols out of Ponta Delgada, Azores.

In the six months of fighting on the Western Front, the Marine Corps suffered approximately 12,000 casualties; 8 Marines earned the Medal of Honor, and another 152 Marines earned the Navy Cross. The Marine reputation as a fierce fighting force was well earned, and whether on "land, air, or sea," the American people can be undeniably proud of the performance of their Marine Corps in World War I.

# AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

## HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2017*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1628 is an assault on hard-working Americans and their families.

Trumpcare is sickness care for millions of Americans who will lose their healthcare cov-

erage and have to receive healthcare in hospital emergency rooms.

Trumpcare is tax care for the 400 richest families, who will receive about \$7 million a year ad infinitum if this bill becomes law.

Trumpcare is less care for Americans who will buy cheap health insurance policies and find they are worthless when they get sick and need care.

Trumpcare is insufficient care after the \$8 billion over 5 years for high-risk pools in this bill runs out across the country.

Trumpcare is discriminatory care when states can determine that you deserve unaffordable high risk care.

Trumpcare is no care for Americans with pre-existing conditions who cannot afford their premiums.

Trumpcare is a careless political scheme concocted to win elections and line the pockets of the very wealthy at the expense of the millions who will lose healthcare.

# INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO DIS- PLAY THE FLAG IN HONOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAYORS ACT

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would make a small but significant change to federal law by adding the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the list of named principals for whom the President can order the U.S. flag be flown at half-staff. Current law states that the President shall make this order "upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory." Surely the death of a current or former D.C. Mayor should qualify as a principal. My bill would add D.C. Mayors, who have many of the same responsibilities as state and territory governors, to the current list of officials. This bill is a continuation of our "Free and Equal D.C." series to ensure fair recognition of the nearly 700,000 citizens of the District of Columbia.

Congress already acknowledges that D.C. deserves a place among the states for certain honors, and this addition is not as great as others Congress has already recognized. We have already won congressional recognition of D.C. in situations where the city was overlooked while honoring the states. For example, our legislation ensured that the District of Columbia War Memorial honored only District residents who served in World War I and that D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue sits in the Capitol alongside statues from the 50 states. We also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags across from Union Station.

Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation creating coins for the 50 states. Legislation was needed to require the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. With this acknowledgment, it is not too much to ask Congress to

add the Mayor to the list of principals who are recognized upon their deaths.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## TERRY WETHERILL

## HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry Wetherill, who recently received the Emergency Manager of the Year Award. Terry is the Mineral County emergency manager and search and rescue coordinator. As part of the Mineral County Search and Rescue team, he serves as an EMT in the County Ambulance Service and as a fireman in the Volunteer Fire Department. Terry's roots in the community run deep. Terry's family was one of Mineral County's founding families, settling there over one hundred years ago. Terry made his home in Creede after 29 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

As Mineral County Emergency Manager, Terry has spearheaded the use of technology to aid in difficult search and rescue missions in the San Luis Valley in situations where all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles can't access those in need of emergency services. Avalanches and steep cliffs create treacherous conditions in parts of the San Luis Valley, and the drone helps prevent rescuers from having to put themselves in life-threatening situations. Thanks to the work of Terry's office, Archuleta, Hinsdale, Mineral, and Rio Grande counties will now have access to this life saving drone.

Mr. Speaker, Terry Wetherill's service to Colorado and his commitment to safety and security in the San Luis Valley is commendable and we are fortunate to have him. He is well-deserving of this honor, and I wish him the very best in the future.

# IN HONOR OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

## HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the dedicated law enforcement officers who serve and protect communities in Minnesota and across the United States and to remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

In Minnesota's Fourth District and throughout America, police and peace officers bear an enormous responsibility. In local departments, state agencies, and for the federal government, the women and men of law enforcement put their lives on the line each and every day to keep our families and communities safe.

As Ranking Member of Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, I am particularly mindful of the work and sacrifice of federal law enforcement officers whose tasks range from serving Americans visiting our National Parks to protecting our natural resources.

This National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we remember our fallen law enforcement officers. Last year, more than 140 officers lost their lives in the line of duty.